

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
SERVICE AREA 8 ADMINISTRATION**

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

(RESTRICTED TO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH EMPLOYEES)

**CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST I/II**

**TIES for Families: Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (MAT)**

TIES for Families is seeking a highly-motivated, organized and clinically-competent individual to fill the full-time position of Clinical Psychologist I/II on its Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (MAT). The MAT is a collaborative effort between the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) designed to ensure immediate and comprehensive psychosocial assessment of child/family needs when a child enters foster care.

TIES (Training, Intervention, Education, Service), located in Torrance, facilitates the adoption of children birth to eighteen who are in foster care when return to their birth parents is not possible. Services are offered as children are transitioned to an adoptive home to promote attachment and avoid escalation of behavior problems. Services available following placement include: (1) medical consultation, (2) educational consultation and advocacy, (3) developmental, psychological, psycho-educational, psychiatric/medication evaluations, (4) individual/family counseling, and (5) support and therapy groups for parents and for children. Evidence-based treatments are emphasized within a framework that promotes secure attachment.

**ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:**

- ✚ Provide culturally-competent, comprehensive psychosocial strength-based assessments of children/family needs when child enters foster care.
- ✚ Provide psychological, developmental or psycho-educational assessments as needed.
- ✚ Produce timely written report of assessment findings and recommendations for the court and facilitate linkages to services.
- ✚ Interface with DMH, DCFS, Department of Health Services (DHS), schools, Regional Center or other agencies to gather information and provide referrals.
- ✚ Attend DCFS Summary of Findings and Team Decision-Making (TDM) meetings.
- ✚ Provide culturally-competent direct service, including individual, family and group therapy, case management, and consultation.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

- ✚ Bilingual Spanish language proficiency.
- ✚ Clinical experience providing mental health services to populations of children birth to five, in foster care, or who have experienced trauma, abuse, or other significant loss.
- ✚ Ability to establish collaborative working relationships with individuals in DCFS and DMH clinical programs, as well as with agency providers. Knowledge of services available for children within service area.
- ✚ Familiarity with child development, foster care, grief and loss issues, adoption and attachment.
- ✚ Knowledge and experience with evidence-based treatment models for children and adolescents.
- ✚ Experience working in the field, including home visiting.

- ✦ Experience with multi-disciplinary team(s).
- ✦ Experience with psychological and developmental testing/assessment.
- ✦ Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Interested applicants holding the title of Clinical Psychologist I or Clinical Psychologist II should submit their resume, last two (2) performance evaluations, and last two (2) years of master time cards **by Friday, June 24, 2011** to:

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